

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 29, with the following amended paragraph:

The 3-part configuration of the second end segment 26 in the form of the main part 28 and the two additional parts 38 and 40 makes it possible to make the supporting surface 42 of the second end segment 26 narrower in an easy way, in that at least one additional part 38 or 40 is removed from the main part 28. This is schematically represented in [[FIG. 2]] FIGS. 2A and 2B. As a result, a free space is created in the lateral border region of the main part 28 at the level of its longitudinal portion 34, in which space an X-ray tube or the detectors associated with it can be positioned for transilluminating a patient at an angle of up to 45 degrees to the longitudinal axis 36 of the body of said patient.